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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 113 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/53/485 and Add.1–4.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the question of East Timor at its 64th meeting, on 25 June 1999. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/53/SR.64).

3. In addition to the documents listed in documents A/53/485 and Add.2–4, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the question of East Timor (A/C.5/53/63) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/7/Add.14).

II. Consideration of a draft resolution proposed by the Chairman

4. At the 64th meeting, on 25 June, the Chairman introduced a draft resolution on the question of East Timor (A/C.5/53/L.76).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 7).

6. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Germany (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia,

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Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Malta and Norway), Cuba, Canada, Algeria, the Republic of Korea and Mexico (see A/C.5/53/SR.64).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Question of East Timor

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in East Timor[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its decision 53/472 of 25 May 1999, wherein it authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to $35 million, from all sources of funds, for the initial requirements of the United Nations activities related to East Timor,

1. *Notes* that the budget proposed by the Secretary-General amounts to $52,531,100 gross;

2. *Reiterates* that the expenses of the Organization shall be borne by the Members as apportioned by the General Assembly;

3. *Notes* that the contributions received so far for the Trust Fund for the Settlement of the Question of East Timor amount to $21,731,700 and that further contributions may be received;

4. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the financial regulations, rules, procedures and practices established by the General Assembly concerning such contributions;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to all those Member States which have made voluntary contributions to the Mission;

6. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of $52,531,100 for the United Nations Mission in East Timor, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Mission;

7. *Decides* that the amount to be assessed will be determined after review of the report which the Secretary-General will submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, taking into account voluntary contributions received;

8. *Decides* that such assessments as will be necessary shall be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and

[1] A/C.5/53/63.

[2] A/53/7/Add.14.

52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997.